

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Brown et al.</b>	§ Group Art Unit: <b>3693</b>
Serial No.: <b>10/046,997</b>	§
	§ Examiner: <b>Bartley, Kenneth</b>
Filed: <b>January 16, 2002</b>	§
	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920010746US1</b>
For: <b>Credit Authorization Method and Apparatus</b>	§
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In response to the Final Office Action of December 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.